

SIX NEW SIGNINGS

WYCOMBE Wanderers travel to Church Road tonight (Tuesday) in the Rothmans Isthmian League to take on Hayes, who have signed six new players this season.

Hayes, who finished 16th in the table last term, should include two former Brentford professionals plus a former Millwall goalkeeper. The two Brentford men are youngsters Kevin Harding, 18, and Bill Sweetzer. Both are defenders. Alan Cox is the new goalkeeper.

Two former Hayes men have returned to the fold under manager Bob Gibbs, who took over at the club again mid-way through last season. Bobby Hatt, who spent a short spell

with Wycombe, is back at centre half while fellow veteran Kenny Kent has rejoined from Maidenhead. Kenny played for Chesham in the Amateur Cup final in 1968 when they lost to Leytonstone 1-0. Blues assistant manager John Reardon was Chesham's boss in those days.

Hayes have made two other useful signings from Walthamstow Avenue. Midfield man John Roseman is a hard working player while Bobby Wiles was one of the Avenue's most effective forwards last season.

Two players have not had their contracts renewed — Peter

Twigg and Tommy James.

Hayes are still in the process of organising a regular team. Two of last year's players have only recently started playing due to suspension — Alan Carrington and Trevor Burton.

In their first two matches of the season they lost 3-2 at Sutton and drew 1-1 at Oxford. In both matches Hayes were ahead until the closing stages but then conceded goals. They were 2-1 up at Sutton with five minutes to go and were leading Oxford until the 80th minute.

Last season, Wanderers won 2-1 at Church Road but later in the term were given the shock of their lives at Loakes Park when Hayes held a 2-0 lead until the closing stages. The Blues hit back, however, to clinch a draw.

'MASK' THE STAR

WYCOMBE Wanderers goalkeeper John Maskell was the star of the Blues' first cricket match last week when they beat a Wooburn Narkovians XI by seven wickets at Wooburn Park. 'Mask' picked up 4-17 in the Nark's total of 83-8 off 20 overs. Dave Bullock (2), Howard Kennedy and Ray Eaton were the other wicket takers.

The 83 run target proved comfortable for Wanderers' talented array of batsmen. Geoff Anthony, who plays for Wooburn on Sunday, led the reply with 22 while Paul Birdseye hit 18 and Dylan Evans 17.